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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[redacted]

5 July 1955

James A. Cunningham, jr.

(Attention: [redacted])

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SUBJECT

: Matters Requiring Immediate Attention

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1. A C-124 is required to move initial reconnaissance aircraft from Burbank to the Test Site on 23 July. Kelly Johnson plans to load the aircraft on Sunday 24 July and take off early Monday morning, 25 July. Arrangements to obtain this aircraft will be discussed by Messrs. Bissell, [redacted]

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2. Kelly Johnson believes he requires no significant support by air weather personnel during the early tests. Accordingly, the weather room at [redacted] certainly will not be needed before 1 October. On the other hand, the Lockheed people will wish to be able on occasion to transmit weather information over regular TWX circuits, presumably from Burbank. If the regular commo circuits are operational by 1 August their needs will be met. It may be desirable occasionally to obtain weather information from [redacted]

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[redacted] but arrangements for so doing can best be worked out after the test base is operational.

3. Lockheed is making no provision for any kind of aeromedical personnel or for any medical facilities at the test base. Since there will be something over fifty people at the base from the very beginning, for whom some limited facilities should be provided, it is essential that the dispensary be open and most of the medical staff be on hand by 1 August. If we encounter serious obstacles in achieving this result, I would like to be advised so we can make some emergency arrangement.

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4. Lockheed requires 1600 gallons of JT-6 fuel at Burbank by 16 July. I understand that [redacted] in consultation with [redacted] will endeavor to meet this requirement.

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5. Lockheed requires at least two engine stands of the type suitable for storing or working on the power plant and also for shipping, if these can be obtained. If they are unobtainable, it may be that Lockheed could make up

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two such stands if given time. These are required just as soon as possible but in any event no later than 22 July in preparation for movement to the test base. This matter should be discussed by Messrs. Bissell, [REDACTED] on 5 July so Kelly Johnson can be given definite advice about the status of this request on 8 July.

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SIGNED

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